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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES HEALTH

1. LISBON NEWSPAPERS REPORTED "ROUTINE 3-MONTH"
MEDICAL CHECKUP PERFORMED NOV. 21 ON PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES
"SECULO" ADDED TO BASIC STORY CARRIED BY OTHER PAPERS DENIAL (FROM
OFFICIAL SOURCES IN PRESIDENT'S HOUSEHOLD) THAT CHECKUP RELATED
TO RUMOR THAT COSTA GOMES ABOUT TO UNDERGO SURGERY, ALTHOUGH
SAME OFFICIAL SOURCE DID SAY THAT PRESIDENT'S DOCTOR IS
RECOMMENDING PRESIDENT TAKE VACATION. SECULO SPECULATED
COSTA GOMES WOULD TAKE VACATION IN SOUTH OF COUNTRY MIDDLE OF NEXT
WEEK. PRESIDENT SPENT FULL DAY IN HOSPITAL. AFTER CHECKUP,
HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN THAT "IN VIEW OF SATISFACTORY RESULTS OF
CHECKUP" PRESIDENT MAY LEAVE HOSPITAL NOV. 22.

2. COMMENT: ON BASIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, MANY PEOPLE
INTERPRET OFFICIAL DENIALS IN PRESS OF CERTAIN FACTS OR RUMORS
AS EVIDENCE THAT SUCH FACTS OR RUMORS ARE TRUE. IN THIS CASE,
RUMOR CONCERNING POSSIBLE OPERATION HAS NOT BEEN HEARD BY
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EMBOFFS BEFORE, AND EXCEPT FOR SECULO ARTICLE, NO OTHER SOURCE HAS

MENTIONED IT. HOWEVER, COMMENTS WHICH EMBOFFS HAVE PICKED UP
DO CONFIRM PRESIDENT'S NEED FOR REST. JUNTA MEMBER (AND
"ACTING PRESIDENT" IN COSTA GOMES' ABSENCE) ADMIRAL AZEVEDO
RECENTLY COMMENTED TO MEMBERS OF STAFF OF LISBON DAO THAT
PRESIDENT IS "VERY TIRED".

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